

the President vetoed the defense authorization bill is because we say in that bill, we shall defend America against ICBM's and have that system in place by the year 2003. The President refuses to defend this country while Iraq, Libya, China, and others hurry up and accelerate their programs on offensive missiles.

Defend America. Vote to override the President's veto today.

AMERICAN TAXPAYERS ARE BEING CHEATED

(Mr. WYNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, it appears that self-styled Republican revolutionaries believe that the end justifies the means. Somehow they have this notion that these Federal workers are the President's Federal workers, or they are the Democrats' Federal workers. Sorry, fellows. They are the taxpayers' Federal workers, and the taxpayers are being cheated because of your shut-down.

They are being cheated because small businesses cannot get their loans processed through the SBA. They are being cheated because small businesses cannot bid on contracts because the contract offices are closed. They are being cheated because toxic waste cleanup is not proceeding. They are being cheated because student loan applications are not being processed. They are being cheated because FHA home mortgage applications are not being processed.

And then they go on and abuse the Federal workers: No checks for the Federal workers. That means no mortgage payments, no utility payments, and, sometimes, no food on the table.

There is one thing wrong with these self-styled revolutionaries. Someone told them that the end justifies the means, and they do not care who they hurt.

In this case, they hurt the taxpayer and they hurt our Federal workers, and that is a shame, Mr. Speaker.

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REPUBLICANS HAVE MET BALANCED BUDGET CHALLENGE

(Mr. ROHRABACHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I remember, and I think the American people remember, that last year when we Republicans tried to pass a balanced budget amendment, we were defeated because the Democrats claimed, "Oh, my goodness, you don't need a balanced budget amendment, you don't need to amend the Constitution, just present a balanced budget. Why do you have to amend the Constitution?"

OK, we met the challenge. The Republicans came up with a balanced

budget. And the very same Democrats who voted against the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, claiming we should just do it here legislatively, are now opposing our balanced budget.

For 4 years we have heard this President claim to be a new Democrat. In fact, 4 years ago he was running on a campaign motto of being someone who was going to end welfare as we know it and would balance the budget. Now, after 4 years of rhetoric, we have come to where he cannot dodge anymore.

The fact is we have laid upon the table a balanced budget. He claims to have been in favor of the balanced budget. I hope the American people remember that, too. But when the Republicans lay their alternative out, the President refuses to lay out his alternative, and that is the reason the Government is shut down today.

DEMAND FOR A CONTINUING RESOLUTION

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, first let me offer my deepest sympathy to the Fazio family and offer our love.

A tragedy occurred today in this House, however. One Nation under God, indivisible, and with liberty and justice for all, we stood and pledged allegiance to the U.S. flag. This is supposed to be a nation that protects working Americans, working people.

But yesterday in my community a Government worker performing essential services in the veterans hospital received for her 80 hours of work a \$5 salary check. That is right, Mr. Speaker, \$5 for 80 hours of work, a working parent with children, trying to survive, and yet she is there nurturing our veterans of war without getting compensated.

The Republicans refuse to put on the floor today a continuing resolution to open the doors of Government and pay these workers to provide the services that the taxpayers of America have asked them to provide. That is all we request, Mr. Speaker, and I demand that we put on this floor a continuing resolution to open this Government today. It is a disgrace on this House's ability to govern. Pass the Dole proposal to open this Government now.

SUNDRY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

AMERICA NEEDS A BALANCED BUDGET

(Mr. ROYCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I just want to take a minute, as we commence the second session of the 104th Congress, to focus on the necessity of reaching the goal of a balanced Federal budget.

Four years from now we will enter upon the third millennium and the 225th year of our Nation and, ironically, although the American revolution was mostly about taxes, an American child born today will inherit a tax bill of \$186,000 just to cover his or her share of the interest on the national debt. That is the direct per capita cost of financing \$5 trillion. That is not the cost of paying it off. That is that child's cost in taxes during his or her lifetime.

That is not the only cost of this enormous debt. That same child born today will have to pay higher monthly mortgage payments, higher car payments, higher college loan payments, all because of a \$5 trillion debt. That is because the Federal Government will be sopping up over half of the available credit in the markets as it continually refinances the debt, causing interest rates to remain arbitrarily high.

GO DOWN, MR. PRESIDENT, WAY DOWN TO CONGRESSLAND

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, day 19—and the U.S. Government is still closed, held captive. Forty million dollars a day—down the drain, wasted—almost \$800 million. All this the Republicans say, in the name of fiscal conservatism. More than a quarter of a million Government employees at home, waiting to work and wanting to work. Still thousands of others on the job, not getting paid.

The Ayatollahs of the right continue to hold the U.S. Government hostage to their radical demands. Do it our way they say—cut Medicare, gut Medicaid, slash education and student loans, attack our environment—or we will keep the Government shut.

People unable to pay their mortgages, their car loans, their children's education bills, Government contractors unable to work, business people unable to get passports to conduct business abroad. None of this matters to the mullahs of the Republican right. They are not affected, they are constitutional officers, not Government employees.

So I say here today, go down, Mr. President, way down to congressland, tell NEWT GINGRICH to let our Government go. The American people will not give in to Republican blackmail and hostage taking.

REPUBLICANS WILL BALANCE THE BUDGET

(Mr. COX of California asked and was given permission to address the House